

## Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 10/17/2020 – 10/21/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

### General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

### Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 10/21/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	5069	4702
Deaths**	126	61

\*Confirmed: positive test result. \*\*Deaths: BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death

City Case Count 10/21/2020	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	4143
Mesa	495	109
Connell	5,500	371
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	56
Kennewick	84,960	2948
Richland	58,550	1089
West Richland	15,710	255
Benton City	3,560	194
Prosser	6220	457
Plymouth	-	17
Paterson	-	12
Not Specified	-	119

Current Hospital Status 10/21/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	348	21	6.0

Case Locations of Interest 10/21/2020	
# of Cases	
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	563
Please visit <a href="https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm">Washington State Department of Corrections site</a> for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. ( <a href="https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm">https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm</a> )	

## **OPERATIONS SECTION:**

**OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA:** Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak as described in the 10/1/20 Washington Outbreak report – click link below for report
- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/StatewideCOVID-19OutbreakReport.pdf>
  - General Business Community - 19
  - Long Term Care Facilities - 7
  - HealthCare Settings – 6
  - Childcare Settings – 0
  - Schools – 1
- School team conducted a call specifically with School Nurses, this call was in addition to the regular weekly call with all school districts
- Kennewick School district began K-5 Hybrid in-person learning this week, BFHD will monitor school data closely in the coming weeks. Visit each individual school district website for current information on hybrid learning schedules
- The School's Team continues to have weekly calls with the local school districts. Each school district is responsible for making their own decisions regarding when a return to in-person hybrid school will begin. Dr. Amy Person has made recommendations and provided guidance to assist, but the ultimate decision rests with the individual school districts
- Washington submitted Interim Covi-19 Vaccination plan to CDC. The plan and an option to comment can be found here <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/vaccine>
- Working on a data collection form for public and private gatherings, to assist in the determination of outbreaks in these settings
- Intercounty outbreak mitigation call between Benton/Franklin and Walla Walla will take place on Thursday
- Governor Inslee issues proclamation establishing higher education safety guidelines effective 10/20/20, click here for link to the proclamation language <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-proclamation-establishing-higher-education-safety-guidelines>. This may have potential impact for the higher education facilities in our area.

## **CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:**

- Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services. This week Care Coordination is working through the 26 case referrals that came in on Tuesday
- Contact Tracing team has been busier than usual as there has been an increase as of late in COVID cases to investigate.

## **COMMUNITY TESTING:**

- To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered **\*16,495 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Tuesday 10/20 - 198, Wednesday 10/21 - 160  
\*this total includes #'s from when Toyota Center test site was operational as well)
- **HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm**
- CBC-West Test Site administered: To date the site has administered **3922 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Saturday 10/17 -194, Sunday 10/18 -124, Monday 10/19 - 326

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CBC-West Test Site Hours of Operations –Thursday through Monday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. <u>ONLINE REGISTRATION</u></b> is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Click the link to be taken to the registration page <a href="http://www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting">www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 10.75% and the positivity rate for the HAPO test Site is 12.64%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pasco Processing on-site testing for their employees continues this week with testing on Tuesday 10/20 and Wednesday 10/21 testing approximately 600 employees</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION:</b> Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media briefing was held on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am to discuss the increase in case counts and data trends contributing to that uptick you can view the media briefing on the BFHD Facebook page</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning continues for a Masking Survey “check-in” to determine the level on continued compliance with the Governor’s masking mandate. BFHD staff are consulting with other jurisdictions to gather ideas for how to conduct a more encompassing survey to include survey sites other than grocery stores</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFHD Call Center continues to have a higher than normal call volume with several calls this week relating to hybrid in-person learning in schools. Specifically, for the Richland and Kennewick School district</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Person will be on “Kadlec on Call” tonight at 6:00pm on KONA 610 AM</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on a “when to stay home and when return to school” guidance document specifically to provide information to parents to guide their decisions on when to keep children home and when it is safe for them to return to school. Look for this to be posted to the BFHD webpage soon</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFHD updates <a href="#">Website</a> <a href="#">Twitter</a> and <a href="#">Facebook</a> daily</li> </ul>

#### LOGISTICS:

<p><b><u>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</u></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items <a href="https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf">https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here <a href="https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution">https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply the school districts/schools with emergency PPE supplies. Emergency Management can provide small amounts of PPE on an as needed emergency basis for schools. School Districts should coordinate long term PPE needs/projections with ESD123</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.</b> PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than <b>10:00am every Friday</b> or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – <a href="mailto:d.davis@bces.wa.gov">d.davis@bces.wa.gov</a> Franklin – <a href="mailto:sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us">sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us</a></li> </ul>

#### DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

<p><b><u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday and Friday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday and Friday at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released – Tuesday IAP will cover Wednesday-Friday and the Friday IAP will cover Saturday-Tuesday.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call – next meeting is Nov 3rd</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every other Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# next meeting October 28<sup>th</sup></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council – next meeting Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies – next meeting Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every other Friday at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community’s information/concerns/coordination</li></ul>
<b><u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ensure continued communication flow between BCEM and FCEM now that BFHD has transitioned back their facility – this is the first week that BFHD has been operating from BFHD</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flu vaccination - communicating the importance of receiving a flu shot this year</li></ul>
<b><u>CURRENT RISKS:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School re-opening across the two counties – monitoring for outbreaks</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Holiday Season/ get together and the impact on COVID disease rate in our community</li></ul>

#### **WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:**

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

#### **DISTRIBUTED TO:**

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff  
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies  
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer  
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer  
Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons